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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m. — 6473rd meeting — Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

   Letter dated 24 January 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2011/30)

General Assembly

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
First regular session 2011

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — 3rd meeting — Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. — 4th meeting — Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [2]

Other matters [3]

Organizational matters [1]

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General Assembly
Sixty-fifth session

An election will be held for the appointment of a judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, under sub-item (g) of agenda item 113 (documents A/65/671 and A/65/679), on Friday, 28 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	Opening of the session	

International Civil Service Commission

Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions
Thirty-third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A (NLB)

Working Group on Reimbursement of Contingent-Owned Equipment

Sub-Working Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Sub-Working Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Sub-Working Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Ninth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication (E/CN.18/2011/6, E/CN.18/2011/15, E/CN.18/2011/16 and E/CN.18/2011/17) . . . . . [5]

(a) Community-based forest management (E/CN.18/2011/4)

(b) Social development and indigenous and other local and forest-dependent communities, including forest land tenure (E/CN.18/2011/5)

(c) Social and cultural aspects (E/CN.18/2011/5)

Introduction and general discussion

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination, including the provision of further guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (E/CN.18/2011/10 and E/CN.18/2011/11) . . . . . [10]

Introduction and general discussion

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Regional and sub-regional inputs (E/CN.18/2011/3) . . . . . [4]

Introduction and general discussion

Panel on regional and sub-regional perspectives on forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication

Presentations followed by interactive discussions

[Member States and observers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Vivian Pliner (e-mail pliner@un.org; room IN-628B), with a copy to the Forum secretariat (Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill (e-mail tavora-jainchill@un.org; room DC1-1258)).

Further detailed information on the session, including programme of activities and list of side events on the occasion of the ninth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, is available on the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Registration for Member States and observers to obtain photo identification badges will be open at the United Nations Pass Office (room U-100, 801 United Nations Plaza (corner of First Avenue and 46th Street)), as follows: *today*, 25 January, and weekdays thereafter: from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration for non-governmental organizations, international and regional entities without observer status, and major groups accredited to the Economic and Social Council will be open at the United Nations Forum on Forests registration desk in the United Nations Visitors' Lobby, as follows: *today*, 25 January, to Tuesday, 1 February (excluding weekend): from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 February, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, 3, and Friday, 4 February, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

There will be a presentation by the Permanent Mission of Cuba on the draft decision on the *Human Development Report, today*, 25 January 2011, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB). Interested delegates are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 25 January 2011

JUSCANZ Group (on the United Nations Forum on Forests)

9–9.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Group of 77 (on matters related to oceans and the law of the sea)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 25 January 2011

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest:* Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) (on the priorities of UN-Women for 2011)]

3 p.m. . . . . Mr. Jack Lang, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Legal Issues Related to Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (on recent developments)

4 p.m. . . . . Mr. Luis Moreno Ocampo, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Monday, 31 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on the peacekeeping/peacebuilding nexus; and on civil affairs components in peacekeeping operations; and

Monday, 31 January 2011, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, security sector reform and rule of law issues.

The Department of Field Support will provide an informal briefing, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on the global field support strategy, on Tuesday, 1 February 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

2011 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2011 regular session from Tuesday, 22 February, to Friday, 18 March 2011. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 22 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

In accordance with resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria) (fax 1 (212) 697-1970); and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States/observers that are not members of the Special Committee and are interested in sending observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a letter to the Chair of the Special Committee, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria) (fax 1 (212) 697-1970); and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail to herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda and draft work programme of the session are contained in documents A/AC.121/2011/L.1 and A/AC.121/2011/L.2, respectively. An advance copy of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee (to be issued as A/65/680 and A/65/680/Add.1) has been posted on the Web site of the Special Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. Other documents of the session will be posted as soon as they are issued.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room IN-603A; tel. 1 (917) 367-4422; room IN-603A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The date of the opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (22–23 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at <https://www.c34.unlb.org/>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Any Member State or observer wishing to be included in the Committee mailing list is kindly requested to send also an e-mail to Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (alejandrino@un.org).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Fifth session

Organizational Committee

A formal meeting (open) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 26 January 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). An informal meeting (closed) will be held immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2011 regular session

The 2011 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 31 January, to Wednesday, 9 February 2011, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/C.2/2011/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail del-vasto@un.org;

room IN-629C). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the Web site of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo>. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online paperless committee system, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development
Forty-ninth session

The forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 9, to Friday, 18 February 2011. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2011/1. Further information on the forty-ninth and previous sessions of the Commission is available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011.html>.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited seating available in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the secretariat the composition of their delegations, *by Wednesday, 2 February 2011,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: poverty eradication) will begin on Wednesday, 9 February 2011, following the opening of the session. For further details please consult the programme of work in annex I to document E/CN.5/2011/1.

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Celia Syyap accordingly (e-mail syyap@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*. Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission can be found at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/ngo/csocdinfonote2011.html>.

List of side events

A list of side events on the occasion of the forty-ninth session of the Commission can be consulted at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2011/side-events.pdf>.

Commission on the Status of Women

Fifty-fifth session

The fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Tuesday, 22 February, to Friday, 4 March 2011. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 22 February, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document E/CN.6/2011/1 and E/CN.6/2011/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/55sess.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room IN-0603G)). Scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Seating arrangements

Due to the limited seating available in Conference Room 3 (NLB), only observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) who will inform the Secretary of the Commission of the composition of their delegations, *by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 17 February 2011,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 3 (NLB). All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

High-level round table

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme "Access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work", on Tuesday, 22 February 2011, at 3 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the *high-level round table* to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Lorna Fidler (e-mail fidler@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room IN-0603D)).

List of speakers

The list of speakers will be opened on Wednesday, 2 February 2011. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Lorna Fidler accordingly (e-mail fidler@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). (The name and functional title of the speakers would be appreciated.)

General discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Tuesday, 22 February, in the morning, following the organizational and ceremonial opening, and will continue on Thursday, 24 February, and on Monday, 28 February (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.6/2011/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*.

In order to facilitate interpretation into all official languages, delegations are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services.

Statistical Commission
Forty-second session

The forty-second session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 22, to Friday, 25 February 2011. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 22 February, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work of the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2011/1 and E/CN.3/2011/L.1, respectively.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Christa Giles (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; room IN-615A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Further information on the session can be obtained at the following address: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>; or contact Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
First regular session

The 2011 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 8, to Friday, 11 February 2011, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2011/1. The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 4, and Monday, 7 February 2011 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_56116.html>. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 31 January 2011*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNPA will hold an informal consultation on the UNDP contribution at the regional level to development and corporate results, on Friday, 28 January 2011, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session 2011

The first regular session 2011 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 31 January, to Thursday, 3 February 2011, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2011/L.1.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 4, and on Monday, 7 February 2011, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and of the United Nations Children's Fund
Joint informal consultation

A joint informal consultation of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and of UNICEF on the draft common country programme document of the United Republic of Tanzania, will be held on Thursday, 27 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

Wednesday, 26 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 27 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean States Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 28 January 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 28 January 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

Panel discussion on "The survivors, 1945–2011: Struggles and perseverance" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Romania and B'nai B'rith International)

Thursday, 27 January 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Alexandru Ciorobea, Permanent Mission of Romania (e-mail alexandru.ciorobea@romaniaun.org; tel. 1 (212) 682-3273).]

Round-table discussion on "A world without nazism — A global goal for humanity today and the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Nuremberg trials" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, the United Nations Department of Public Information, the International Human Rights Movement "World Without Nazism" and the American Forum of Russian Jewry)

Thursday, 27 January 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Anton Uspensky or Mr. Grigory Lukiyantsev, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation (e-mail rusun.press@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 861-4900).]

Launch of the Web site of the initiative to erect a permanent memorial to honour the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade (organized by the Permanent Mission of Jamaica)

Tuesday, 1 February 2011, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Andrea L. M. Wilson, Permanent Mission of Jamaica (e-mail andrealm.wilson@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 935-7509, ext. 116).]

Announcements

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2011

Applications for the 2011 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 4 July, to Friday, 12 August 2011, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 February 2011*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in English this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site at <www.un.org/law/ilfp>, or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

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Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

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All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 24 January 2011

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Ninth session

2nd–3rd meetings — The summary of the 2nd and 3rd meetings of the United Nations Forum on Forests will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2011/17).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Kiev, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Armenia (24 January 2011)[1]

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Ratification: Armenia (24 January 2011)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and their Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya, 29 October 2010)

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 32, the above Protocol will be opened for signature by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 2 February 2011 until 1 February 2012. The representatives of States wishing to sign the aforementioned Protocol will be able to do so on Wednesday, 2 February, from 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York (Ms. Muriel Djella Ogandaga (e-mail ogandaga@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9820; fax 1 (212) 963-3693); or Ms. Sagine Damas (e-mail damas@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693)).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the Web site of the United Nations Treaty Collection <http://treaties.un.org>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2011* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon

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